

medieval & Early <sup>modern</sup> Europe" (Virginia Polytechnic and State University 2012 ~~27th April~~ 26/09/2011).

"Most of the learned people in Europe, in fact we will say almost all of ~~them~~ overwhelmingly all of them believe that 'Witches' existed.

So as to not labour this point too long I would like to present another observation from Professor Noam Chomsky on the history of intellectuals, remarking that their trajectory in society is not always a "pretty one" and that "overwhelmingly intellectuals have laboured in the service of power", and that the ones that don't often are "cast as 'historically, (manufacturing consent, Noam Chomsky and the media, A film by Mark Achbar and Peter Wintonick, British Film Institute, 1992)".

In further support of this argument Eduardo Galeano, in his 1971 book "Open veins of Latin America" cites numerous examples of intellectual elites in harmony with the policy and practice of ruling elites, which at first came to me as a surprise, in his chapter ~~the~~ "Lost for Gold, Lost for Silver" - "A flood of tears and blood and yet the Pope said Indians had souls" in which he refers to the "ideological justification for slavery in South America, amongst the 'learned', where their slavery was promoted as "an act of charity" ;

"The Count de Buffon, a French naturalist noted that Indians were cold and were creatures in no activity of soul could be observed" ... "Voltaire's Latin America was inhabited by Indians who were lazy and stupid" ... Bacon (Known as the father of the scientific method) De Maistre, Montesquieu, Hume, and Bodin declined to recognize the "degraded man" of the New World as fellow humans" (p 41)